

VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIANS FROM AREA SCHOOLS FOR THE CLASS OF 2005



Elba High School
Ashley Renee Gibson
Valedictorian



Elba High School
Jessica Marie Merklin
Salutatorian



Kinston High School
Brittany Holley
Valedictorian



Kinston High School
Patricia Hattaway
Salutatorian



Brantley High School
William Shane Haws
Valedictorian



Brantley High School
Dusty Rain Dunn
Salutatorian



New Brockton High School
Matthew Brett Parrish
Valedictorian



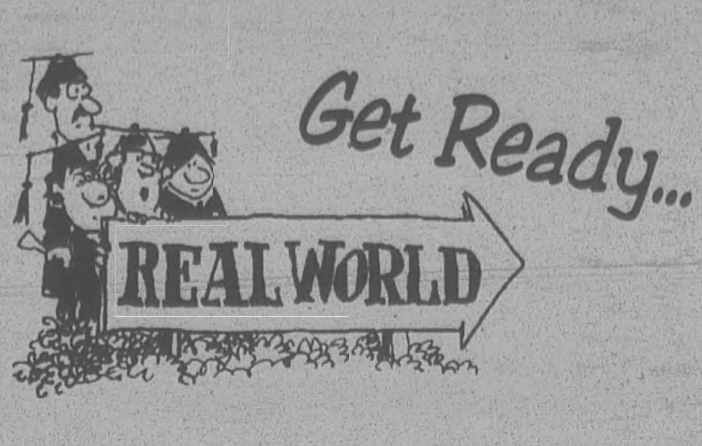
New Brockton High School
Matthew Brian Everhart
Salutatorian



Zion Chapel High School
Kristen Renee McEndon
Valedictorian



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Joshua Byron Smith
Salutatorian



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Future careers can help pay college costs now

(ARA) - Cash-strapped students don't have to wait for their first paycheck to benefit from their major or intended profession. Many organizations tie their scholarship dollars to a student's career interest.

Students can find awards ranging from \$250 to \$5,000 or more to help them pursue their field. These scholarships are funded by professional organizations, corporations or universities. Jean Danielson, director of the educational research department for FastWeb (www.fastweb.com), the leading scholarship search Web site, says "there are organizations offering scholarships to students in everything from business to nursing to engineering."

Jenny Simons' dream of becoming a teacher helped her win a scholarship. "I wrote a 50-word essay about why I wanted to become a teacher," she says. Simons won the Boon Teaching Award at Angelina College, worth \$250 per semester for two years. She'll soon graduate with a degree in history and pursue a career in education.

Professional organizations are "a resource students can use to learn more about a profession," says Danielson. These groups often fund awards to increase awareness of their field and to reach out to the next generation.

The Association of Women in Communications (AWC) offers scholarships for students (men and women) majoring in communications. Linda Dawson, president elect of the AWC chapter in Springfield, Ill., says her organization views the award as "a way to recognize students who want to pursue careers in communications and could use a little extra help."

Colleges also have money available to students with specific majors. Students in the University of Washington's biology department can apply for the Porath/Johnson Endowed Scholarship which supports one student for a full year. Alumnus Thomas Johnson endowed the award to recognize and thank his alma mater.

Whether a student's major is advertising or zoology there are probably scholarship dollars available to them. Here are four tips for finding career-oriented scholarships:

1. Search online. Use a scholarship search Web site like FastWeb to find awards that fit. Students fill out a profile that includes their major, career

interests and college. That information is used to identify scholarships in FastWeb's database that the student is qualified for.

2. Professional organizations. Students should look for groups that complement their interests. Whether it's a local chapter of a national organization or a student-run club on campus, professional organizations can be a great source of scholarship dollars.

Not only can they help pay for college, they're also an important place to start networking as students begin their careers.

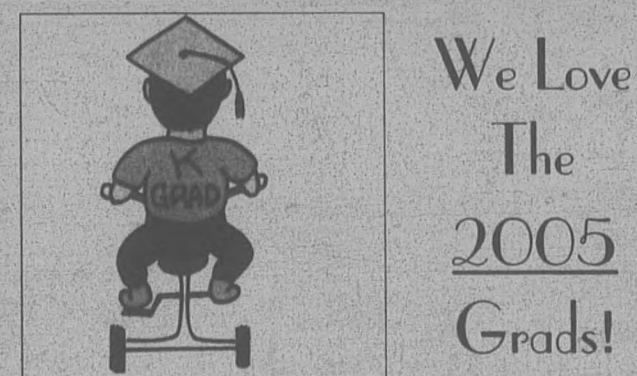
3. Announcements. Scholarship sponsors don't try to hide their money. They often go directly to schools to get the word out. Students should be on the lookout for flyers on bulletin boards, stories in newsletters or on Web sites, and announcements before class.

4. Talk to counselors and advisors. Simons found out about her scholarship directly from her high school guidance counselor. Academic advisors often encourage qualified students to apply for awards they might not have considered pursuing. By keeping the lines of communication open, students can be sure they find out about opportunities.

For more information on scholarships, visit

www.FastWeb.com.

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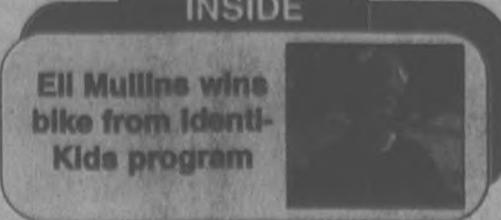
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County Road 518 wreck claims life of young child

A journey across County Road 518 turned tragic last Thursday afternoon, May 19, when an accident claimed the life of one small child and injured three other people.

Emergency personnel received notification of a traffic accident on County Road 518, just south of Elba off Alabama Highway 87 shortly after 3 p.m. Thursday afternoon.

There were no witnesses to the accident. A Coffee County work crew was passing through the area, noticed car tracks leaving the road and discovered the SUV upside down in the edge of the small creek. They radioed the information to authorities and in the meantime pulled the 4-year-old crying child from the wreckage. She appeared to be unhurt but upset.

According to reports, the accident occurred when a vehicle, driven by Kristen McMiller, left the roadway at a bridge. The vehicle fell into a deep ravine and landed upside down in the creek.

Emergency personnel immediately began working to remove the victims. McMiller and two other children, from the vehicle as soon as they arrived on scene.

According to the Alabama State Troopers office, Jeremiah Hooks, age 3, was transported to Elba General Hospital where he died.

Also transported to Elba

REMINDER

The Coffee County School System will hold Commencement ceremonies Friday evening, May 27, at Zion Chapel at 6 p.m.; Kinston at 7:15 p.m.; and New Brockton at 8:15 p.m.

Elba City Board of Education approves retirement of three faculty members

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

On May 10th the Elba City Board of Education approved three staff retirements and adopted a proposed school calendar for the 2005-2006 school year.

They also gave special recognition to the outstanding achievements of the Elba High School FFA program and the high school quartet as well as the Elba High School math team. Members of both these groups, and their sponsors, were present

to give a brief update on their respective activities and to accept the praise from the Board.

The new school calendar sets Monday, August 8th as the first day of school for students. The school year will end for students on Wednesday, May 24, 2006.

Weeks reported the school system is ending the year in excellent financial condition with the General Fund and the CNP (lunchrooms) each projecting a positive ending cash balance.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

It is amazing (or alarming) how many people are getting letters, phone calls or e-mails claiming to be from a bank wanting to update, check on or confirm bank account information. Often the contact claims the bank is installing new software and needs your help. Within the past week Elba has been flooded with these things using SouthTrust logos and looking awful legit. They even carry a "VeriCheck security logo." The thing is, SouthTrust officials have repeatedly said they don't operate like that. Apparently the rip off artists are getting enough people to blindly submit their account numbers, passwords, etc. that they keep on asking. In the past several months the same scam has been tried in this area using AmSouth, SunBank and probably many others. The stock advice is ... don't respond. If in doubt, call your bank - the number from one of your statements, and not the phone number listed in the scam paperwork or e-mail or mentioned in the unsolicited phone call.

The best response is of course no response. However one of those things got under our skin recently and we responded using fake account numbers, passwords, etc. Our username was "you crazy" and our password was "crazyyou". It wasn't a smart thing to do, but helped our feelings at the moment. One other time we tried this and used not so nice words in place of the account number but their computer kicked that one back. This week the name, account number, expiration date and other data used were completely fake but fashioned according to the format on a bank credit card. This isn't advised, because one little slip with a con artist and a bank account is compromised. In fact our one venture into this will be our only such action. The advice to our readers is "don't do it even once."

The word out of Montgomery this week is that Governor Riley is delaying any call for a special legislative session until later in the summer. Last week there were some lawmakers and special interest groups calling for an immediate special session. That was completely ignoring the frayed tempers of lawmakers coming out of the largely failed regular legislative session. The official reason is that many lawmakers have conflicts such as trips, etc. Whatever the official excuse, healing time is needed. Also the governor probably needs to severely limit the items in the special session call. There are a host of "good" bills which failed in the regular session because of the logjam at the end, but history has shown that a special session needs to have a limited scope to be successful. The most important item in this special call will be the General Fund Budget. Any issue that might delay or confuse that required project needs to be left for later, no matter how "good and wholesome" it might appear.

Of course if we were asked by the governor's staff to write the call for the upcoming special legislative session, there are a couple of those good, wholesome bills that "everyone" wants to get passed and would probably be added. But remember we are not the professional, but just another Alabama citizen with a host of "good" special interest issues on our mind which have already passed muster in more than one coffee shop discussion.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 16, 2005, investigated the following incidents: one for leaving the scene of an accident, three for harassment, one for minor consumption of alcohol, four for theft of property, two for criminal mischief, one for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, one for domestic disturbance, one for rape, one for forgery, one for attempted suicide, one for a gas drive off, one for hitting a deer, one for attempted burglary, one for assault, one for damage to a vehicle, one for duty upon striking, one for possession of a controlled substance and one for lost mail.

The following arrests were made: two for harassment, one for minor consumption of alcohol, two arrests on warrant, one for driving under the influence of a controlled substance and one for possession of a controlled substance.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for speeding, one for running a

stop sign, one for leaving the scene of an accident, one for driving with a suspended driver's license, one for a switched tag and one for no insurance. Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, MAY 16 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to 1403 Smith Ave. (6:52 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1432 Cherokee Lane (1:38 p.m.); Minor wreck reported at the Elba General Hospital ER (2:36 p.m.).

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2617 Marilyn St. (12:34 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 626 Mullins Circle (7:44 a.m.); Prowler reported at 1235 Farris Ave. (9:29 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 210 Adkins St. (11:48 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAY 19 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 856 Troy Hwy. (3:00 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in the parking lot of Elba MarketPlace (2:23 p.m.); Minor wreck reported in the parking lot of H&R Block (3:03 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on



THE PEOPLES BANK OF COFFEE COUNTY OPENS NEW BRANCH. The Peoples Bank of Coffee County expanded its operation recently with the opening of a new bank branch in Enterprise. The local bank already had offices in Elba (main office) and New Brockton. Several officials, bank employees, beauty queens and other interested individuals attended a grand opening celebration Thursday, May 12, at the new location at 1110 North Boll Weevil Circle, Suite C, Enterprise. Enterprise Mayor Kenneth Boswell helped mark the opening of the bank branch during the grand opening as he joined bank officials for a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Coloring contest winners named at Elba Elementary School

The Alabama Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the General Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter sponsored a coloring contest for fourth grade students at the Elba Elementary School.

The winners of the contest were: first place, Jon Ashley Amison and second place, Brinley Williams. These students received a certificate and a \$5 prize.

Although this is billed as a coloring contest, it was actually much more. There was a half page of information about The War Between the States for the students to read and questions to answer, so this was a history lesson, a reading lesson, and a test of reading comprehension. This contest also included a lesson in following directions as the student colored the picture portraying a Confederate drummer boy with his drum. This picture is particularly appropriate for the fourth grade contest because war records show children as young as 10 years old served as drummer boys and were



Brinley Williams and Jon Ashley Amison.

exposed to the horrors of war. Both Jon and Brinley answered all questions correctly

and followed the directions as they accurately colored the uniform and drum of the drummer boy.

Gov. Riley awards \$100,000 grant to improve highway safety in S.E. Ala.

Governor Bob Riley has awarded \$100,000 to improve highway safety on roads in 12 southeast Alabama counties.

The grant to the Southeast Alabama Highway Safety office will fund the Special Traffic Enforcement Program which was established to curtail drunk driving, speeding and aggressive and reckless behavior on the roads in Barbour, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Escambia, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Pike and Russell counties. The grant supplements an \$80,000 award from Riley issued earlier this month.

"This program underscores the message that dangerous driving can not be tolerated on Alabama roads," Riley said. "Drivers who insist on breaking traffic laws and endangering the lives of others will face incarceration, heavy fines or loss of driving privileges."

The number of law enforcement officers patrolling the roads will be increased and law enforcement officials throughout the area will set up special safety checks and roadblocks in locations where crashes and driving infractions are highest.

Officials with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs notified Ronald S. Owen, chief executive officer of Southeast Alabama Medical Center, that the grant had been approved. ADECA is administering the grant and Southeast Alabama Medical Center is the disbursement agent.

The grant was awarded from funding made available to the state through a program of the Federal Highway Administration.

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Gina Talbott named District Teacher of the Year



Gina Talbott

Mrs. Gina Young Talbott, daughter of Fred and Mary Young of Elba, Ala., was recently nominated for Teacher of the Year at Jefferson Elementary School in Temple, Texas.

On Thursday, May 19, 2005 the Temple Independent School District announced that Gina had advanced to the district level and had won that competition against 8 other teachers.

Presently, Gina is competing for regional teacher of the year. Gina has been teaching for 12 years at Jefferson Elementary. Gina has earned her Master Math Certification and will be conducting math workshops next school year with teachers.

The Awards banquet and ceremony was held Thursday, May 19, 2005.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The Zion Chapel 5th grade class recently completed a ten week course in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program, taught by Deputy Kent Reynolds. Students who passed the course received diplomas during the graduation ceremony held May 20th.

On behalf of the parents I would like to extend a big Thank You to Dr. Ingram, Mr. Barnes and Mr. Hartwell for allowing this program in our school and to the teachers for allowing time out of their class schedule to insure our students are aware of the dangers of drug use.

Several local business donated items for the reception and we greatly appreciate their support as well.

Sincerely,
Marsha Jordan



State Sen. Wendell Mitchell, center, recently presented a \$30,000 donation to the Pike Regional Child Advocacy/Family Resource Center in Troy. Accepting the check on the Center's behalf was Assistant District Attorney Scherry Harrison who serves as the Center's board president, left, and Miss Gadsden Area Kelly Hawkins in Troy, whose platform is child abuse prevention. Mitchell funded the donation from the state's education budget and called it the "best start-up program I've ever seen." With them are, from left to right, Troy University Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., Janice Hawkins, State Rep. Alan Boothe, Jannah Bailey, director of Montgomery's Child Protect, Pike Regional Child Advocacy Center Executive Director Mona Watson and State Sen. Jimmy Holley. Troy University partners with the Child Advocacy Center to provide counseling support and other services.

Career opportunities available in South Alabama

A variety of career opportunities are available with South Alabama employers in Montgomery, Troy, Selma, Luverne and Elba. Job seekers must complete AIDT training to be considered for employment at five of the six locations.

American Chowell/WELD-PARTS, Crenshaw County's fifth new automotive supplier, is seeking skilled machinists for its welding electrode operations. Training is not required for qualified machinists. Job applications are available at Luverne CareerLink at 77 South Forest Avenue and at the Alabama Career Center in Troy at 1023 South Brundidge Street.

A new Montgomery employer, Hospiscript Services, is seeking customer service representatives to provide supply prescription drugs services to U.S. hospices through a network of local pharmacies. Customer service representatives communicate with hospice nurses, enter and review data and assist pharmacies with claims processing.

Online test finds career interest for area students

Several area high schools participated in a career interest assessment sponsored by the Tech Prep Program of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College (LBWCC). The online career test, the Strong Interest Inventory, consists of questions designed to identify careers matching the personal interests of the individual. Tech Prep Specialist Donna Stokes administered the Strong to eighth and ninth graders in computer labs at the high schools or the MacArthur Campus of LBWCC.

"Strong results give career suggestions based on the individual's interest in different topics related to the world of work. These results can aid high school students as they select academic courses, explore various careers, and consider higher education," Stokes said.

"During the 2004/2005 school year, over 1,000 area high school students took the Strong," said Stokes. "This past school year, I tested 8th or 9th graders at Andalusia High School, Bradley High School, Dauphin Junior High School, Elba High School, Enterprise Junior High School, Florida

AIDT training applications are available at the Alabama Career Center in Montgomery at 1060 East South Boulevard. Selma's LearKyunghin LLC, a joint venture of Lear Corp. and a South Korean company, is seeking material handling associates to provide sequencing services for plant deliveries and minor assembly of wiring harnesses to HMMMA. AIDT training applications are available at the Alabama Career Center in Selma at 1112 Water Avenue.

Elba automotive supplier, Toledo Molding and Die Inc., is seeking production operators for its Coffee County plant. Toledo Molding and Die Inc. specializes in injection and blow molding plastic parts and assembly of automotive HVAC components, duct systems, and air induction systems. AIDT training applications are available at the plant at 375 Highway 203 (State Road 189) in Elba and at the Alabama Career Centers in Andalusia, 312 West Gate Plaza, and in Enterprise, 2021 Boll Weevil

Circle.

AIDT training programs are conducted at night to allow trainees to continue working at their current jobs. AIDT training is provided at no cost to trainees and trainees are not paid while enrolled in the training program.

Successful completion of the AIDT training program can lead to employment. Trainees are not guaranteed a job. Information is available at the AIDT web site: www.aidt.edu/companyjobs.htm and the Alabama Career Center web site: www.es.dir.alabama.gov.

AIDT, part of the state's two-year college system, was established to develop and coordinate training programs for companies that are creating jobs in Alabama through startup or expansion. Since 1971, AIDT has customized pre-employment, on-the-job and new skills training programs for more than 150,000 Alabamians employed by more than 3,000 organizations.

Obituaries

RAYFIELD REYNOLDS

Mr. Rayfield Reynolds, age 92, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

Funeral services were held May 17, 2005 at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. L. Martin and Rev. C. A. Hammond Jr. officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery of Elba.

Mr. Reynolds was preceded in death by his wife, Jessie M. Gray Reynolds, and three sons, Raymond, Patrick and Bernard. Survivors include two daughters: Dorothy Williams, Boston, Mass.; Myrtice (husband, James) Young, St. Louis, Mo.; two sisters: Nunnie Kelley, New Brockton, Ala.; Noble (husband, Henry) Rayborn, Panama City, Fla.; eight grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

WORNELL NELSON

Mr. Wornell Nelson, age 76, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, May 19, 2005 at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Mr. Nelson served his country for over 20 years before retiring as a 1SG in the U. S. Army.

Funeral services were held May 22, 2005 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Minister Greg Hanchey officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Evelyn (Hodge) Nelson, Elba, two daughters: Donna Barrington, Bradenton, Fla. and Cindy (husband, Chuck) Morris, Panama City Beach, Fla.; three sisters: Myrtlene Jeter, Phenix City, Ala.; Christine Nail, Elba, Mary Nell Zaberia, Largo, Fla.; two brothers: James Nelson and Jeter Nelson, both of Largo, Fla.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

MILDRED JACOBS BRUNSON ENFINGER

Mrs. Mildred Jacobs Brunson Enfinger, age 84, of the Bertha Community in Dale County, Ala., died Saturday, May 21, 2005 at Ozark Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services were held May 23, 2005, in the New Hope Baptist Church in Dale County with Rev. Dan Sheppard and Rev. W. M. Todd officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Adoption workshops planned

Alabama Post Adoption Connections (APAC) will host six workshops for adoptive and foster families over the next eight weeks. The first workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 31st from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Richard Dismuke, LPC will present a workshop titled "What Are Healthy Families?". The workshop will be held at the local APAC office - 3201 Montgomery Highway, Dogwood Court, Suite 9, Dothan. A light dinner and childcare will be provided. To register for this workshop or for more information on what APAC can offer your adoptive/foster family contact our office today at 1-866-792-2960.

ETHEL LINDSEY ELLIARD

Ethel Lindsey Elliard, age 89, of Druid Hills, Ga., formerly of Elba, died Thursday, May 5, 2005.

Services were held Monday, May 23, 2005 at Piney Grove Church of God in Christ with Elder James Brown officiating. The interment followed at Piney Grove Church of God in Christ Cemetery with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her six children: Wallace Hornsby of Samson, Ala.; Bobby Glenn Hornsby of Memphis, Tennessee; Annie M. (Frank) Williams of Flagstaff, Arizona; Hayward (Ollie) M. Hornsby of Samson; Laymon (Louise) Hornsby of Elba; Wayne (Martha) Hornsby of Enterprise, Ala.; 29 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Elliard was a loyal, active, and dedicated member of the COGIC her entire life. She worshipped at Harris Temple COGIC in Elba until 1953. After relocating to Georgia, she adopted Druid Hills COGIC as her final place of worship. During the many years of service of COGIC, she wore many

hats, including fundraiser, chief chef, and pastors aide; always faithful, dedicated, and dependable.

Survivors include her two sons: George Elliard and Joseph Elliard; two daughters-in-law: Linda Elliard and Frances Elliard; her daughter: Rose Harrison; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

CLEOPATRA HORNSBY

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In Memory of Kayo Lewis

Two years ago, May 30th, you departed from this life to a much better place. There will always be a void in our lives but we are so proud of the legacy you left behind.

The following is a poem written by his granddaughter at his death...

One More Very Big Hug

Son, husband, brother, daddy, granddaddy, great-granddaddy, and friend
When speaking of you it was a man on whom we could depend

Everyone who knew you loved you dear
And I want you to know we will all shed a tear

But don't worry about us we will all be fine
And behave good and all be kind

We will all have a big piece missing
From our heart which will never be filled
BY ANYONE else

By writing this to you
I just wanted you to remember
How much you were loved and I'm
Giving you one more very big hug

Love, Kelse'
By: Kelse' Laney (Granddaughter, Age 12)

CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Basin Baptist Church to hold Vacation Bible School June 5th - 9th

Basin Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School June 5th - 9th from 6-8:30 p.m. for ages 3 - 6th grade.

For more information or a ride, call 897-3828.

Coleman & Hurt Reunion scheduled for May 27-29

The descendants of the Coleman & Hurt families will travel to their homestead in Alabama during the Memorial Holiday Weekend. The theme for the event is "A Journey Home", which is scheduled for May 27-29. The Holiday Inn on Ross Clark Circle, S.E., Dothan is the hotel where family members will be staying during the weekend.

The reunion will kick off on Friday, May 27, at 6:00 p.m. at the hotel where a hospitality suite will be used to meet and greet family until 10:00 p.m. On Saturday, May 28th the family will take part in a picnic scheduled at Fort Rucker and set to begin at 11:00 a.m. Immediately following the picnic, a tour of sites once occupied and traveled by forefathers will take place featuring various sites from Dothan to Covington County.

The weekend festivities will culminate with a spirit-filled worship service scheduled for St. Beulah Baptist Church, where Rev. V. J. Coleman, is pastor. The services will begin at 10:45 a.m. with a family dinner to follow. Rev. Coleman is also the Chairperson for the Coleman/Broxton Reunion this year.

Any additional information needed can be obtained by calling 347-6574, if you have a family member and need information for the event.

Fortune from Troy and special music will be by The Good News Quartet from Opp.

Rev. V.R. Money, is the pastor at Faith Hill Assembly of God Church in Rutledge.

The guest speaker for morning worship will be Rev. Billy

**The Members of
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invite you to a
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Sunday, May 29, 2005
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ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
SANDON, Ala.
Richard Thorne, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH
SANDON, Ala.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Nathan Carroll, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor
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Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

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BUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Martha Baxter
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
S. H. Hill, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Mary Gray, Pastor
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship... 9:45 a.m.
Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Herbert McWaters
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Don Grantham
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

KANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Bernard Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Tim Connolly, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Rev. Stalley Carter, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Rev. David Tadlock
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Alma Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Pastor Rev. Billy Reid
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, Rev. Roger Miller
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lorell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

FATHI CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Ralph Medley Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

IN ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Ray Stinson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseer - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 9:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
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****MAY BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**
Sharon Wright-May 24, Estella Williams-May 26, Vernon & Louise Harris- May 26 (W.A.)

****ANNUAL YOUTH REVIVAL** to be held at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church May 25-27, 6:00 nightly.

Guest ministers will be Rev. Ronald W. Smith - Greenville, Minister Johnathan Luckett, Elba & Rev. Charlie Sankey, Jr.

Youth speakers will be: Sis. Karizmah Yelverton, Sis. Kiswana Cole & Sis. Keyawee Gavin.

****FUN DAY FOR ALL AGES** planned for May 28 beginning at 9:00. There will be a Volleyball Tournament and a basketball Shoot Out. The activities will be held at the Shaw Industries Recreational Facility in Andalusia.

Each church is asked for a \$40.00 donation if possible to offset the cost of food and supplies. This is not a fundraiser. For more information contact: Pastor Joseph Edwards of 493-4649 or 488-3434 (after 7:00 p.m.) Min. Pam Mitchell- 897-3187 or Min. Shawn Mitchell- 897-4867.

****LAYMEN'S UNION MEETING:** The Mulberry Missionary Baptist District, Ministers, Deacons, and Laymen's Union will meet with Friendship Baptist Church, Glenwood, Ala. The meeting will be Sunday, May 29, 2005 at 9:45 a.m.

****HARVEST IS COME CONFERENCE** CITY

WITHOUT WALLS MINISTRIES-Hwy. 231 N. Troy, Friday, June 24 - 7:00 p.m. & Sunday, June 26 - 11:00 a.m.
Host pastor-Melvin Knight, guest speakers will be: Friday Night- Rev. Andrew Wright-Hinesville Ga. Sunday: Pastor Sylvester Robinson-Richmond Hill, Ga. Special music will be by The Knight Family of Elba. Admission is free. For more information call: (334)670-0628, (334)897-5152 or (912)877-3232.

****GOSPEL MUSIC SUMMER FEST CONCERT:** June 25 6:00 p.m. at the Elba High School Auditorium. For more information call: (334)897-5152, (334)670-0628 or (912)877-3232.

****A BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY MEETING:** will be held at the Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Educational Building located on Hwy. 84 (Old Curtis Rd.) in Elba, Saturday, May 28 at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend meeting. Rev. W.L. Peterson will be the moderator. For more information call Curtis Kelley 494-5909.

****VISITORS-Mary Batie, Marcus Hunter, Enterprise, Mary Hunter Shahid and Tamekia Russell-Daleville visited Eria Belcher and other relatives and friends recently.**

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

There will be a singing at Faith Assembly of God Church Saturday, May 28th at 7 p.m. Faith Assembly Church Choir will be singing. Also local talent will be singing. There is no charge for admittance, an offering will be received. For more information call 334-894-6371 or 334-393-6620. The church is located at 499 Meredith Street in Enterprise, Ala.

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VBS planned for June 6-10 at Jack Assembly of God

Jack Assembly of God Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School on Monday, June 6 - Friday, June 10 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. nightly. This year's children's program is Kingdom of the Sun, a week of prayer safari adventure. The teens' course of study will be Life's Little Jungle, a week long lesson in swinging through the obstacle courses of teenage life.

Jack Assembly of God is located on Coffee County Rd. 208 in the Jack community. All area children and teens are invited to attend.

Covenant Community Church of Elba to host Sonlight Youth Choir

Covenant Community Church of Elba, Ala., will host Sonlight Youth Choir of Trinity United Methodist Church in Gainesville, Fla., during their summer tour.

Sonlight will be in concert Friday, June 13. The local youth band from Covenant will perform at 7 p.m., and Sonlight will perform at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and admission is free.

Directed by DJ Head, Sonlight provides the music for Trinity's main worship service every Sunday with more than 75 voices. All the instrumentalists and soloists are middle and high school students with a dedicated group of teens in leadership roles, technical support, and sound and multimedia production.

For more information, call the church office at (334) 897-2288.

Old Fashion Day to be observed at Shiloh Baptist Church

Old Fashion Day will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church this Sunday, May 29. Men are asked to wear their overalls and women their bonnets and aprons. (If you do not want to participate in the fun dress just wear what you usually wear to church and come on anyway). The church is celebrating

Founders Day and their 148 birthday.

There will be a covered dish lunch at 12:00 noon. Everybody is invited. There will be no afternoon service.

Shiloh Baptist Church is located off the Kinston and Elba Hwy.

The entrance to the church was adorned with beautiful flowing white net bows on the doors with an elegant arrangement of white roses and white calla lilies on the bride's table. Ms. Stephanie Adkison greeted the guests at the bridal registry.

In the church sanctuary, single long-stem white roses with white satin bows lined the aisles. Three arrangements of assorted white flowers were on the altar representing the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Two lovely spiral candelabras finished out the altar decorations with two small tables embracing each end of the altar. One table held the Unity Candle and two long white candles used for the union lighting ceremony.

The other table held three crystal vases, one with four single long-stem white roses and the other with five roses to symbolize the Rivera and Lawford families respectively. During the union ceremony, the bride and groom took their own vows from each bouquet and placed them in the center vase to signify the beginning of their own family.

A pre-nuptial program of spiritual classical music was managed by Mr. Earl Yates who also directed the musical program throughout the service. Two special songs, "Ave Maria" and "Miracle" by Celine Dion, were played for the wedding ceremony. Mrs. Francis Hoskins directed this beautiful observance.

Everyone stood as the bride entered the sanctuary on the arm of her father. She wore a strapless gown of white matte satin accented with a beaded crystal and pearl bodice from the train. The bride's mother handmade a matching shoulder length veil with the same ornamentation.

The bride wore a set of pearl earrings, bracelet, and necklace that had been given to her on her sixteenth birthday by her mom and sister some years ago. In addition, on the day of her wedding, her mother gave her a diamond and pearl ring. The bride carried a bouquet of white roses, stephanotis, and baby's breath accented with white pearls in a silver metal holder. She carried two handkerchiefs: one that had belonged to her new mother-in-law's father, and the other handed down to her from her great grandmother. In memory of her best friend, Kendall Pippin, and the fun they shared, the bride wore a pair of clear high heel shoes that whimsically lit up when she walked.

Attending her sister as the maid of honor was Elisabeth S. Rivera of Panama City, FL. The bridesmaids were the groom's sisters, Whitney and Keri Lawford, cousin of the groom, Lindsey Lawford of all Elba, and best friends of the bride Rachel Strickland and Jessica Workman of Panama City, FL.

The maid of honor wore a thinly-strapped platinum floor

length satin gown accented by silver bugle beads and pearls with a side drag of chiffon overlay on the front. The bridesmaids wore strapless platinum floor-length satin gowns with embellished bodices and A-line skirts. They all carried two long stem white calla lilies accented with wide silver bows and ribbon.

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On April 24, 2005, the bride's mother hosted a bridal brunch at Tangles and Threads. A delicious fruit tray, cinnamon rolls, and juices were enjoyed by all.

LIFESTYLES

Lawford-Rivera Wedding held April 24 at First Assembly of God

Miss RosaMaria Salinas Rivera and Mr. James Kevin Lawford were united in marriage on April 24, 2005, at three o'clock in the afternoon at First Assembly of God in Elba, Ala. Pastor of First Assembly, Bill Redd officiated the vows at the double ring, candlelight ceremony. Evangelist Gregg McGregor of South Africa was brought in by the groom's parents to bless the union with prayer and words from God.

Maria is the daughter of Debra Coon Rivera of Elba and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Rivera Jr. of San Antonio, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Ms. Betty Coon and the late Mr. Kenneth Coon of Elba and Ms. Guadalupe Salinas Rivera and the late Mr. Simon Rivera Sr. of San Antonio. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Rosa Johnson Coon of Elba, and Mrs. Mary Weed Legg of Brantley, Ala. Special adopted grand-mother is Mrs. Onell Coon of Elba.

Kevin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dennis Lawford of Elba. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lawford of Elba, and Mrs. Carolyn Stokes and the late Mr. Jackson W. Stokes of Elba.

The entrance to the church was adorned with beautiful flowing white net bows on the doors with an elegant arrangement of white roses and white calla lilies on the bride's table. Ms. Stephanie Adkison greeted the guests at the bridal registry.

In the church sanctuary, single long-stem white roses with white satin bows lined the aisles. Three arrangements of assorted white flowers were on the altar representing the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Two lovely spiral candelabras finished out the altar decorations with two small tables embracing each end of the altar. One table held the Unity Candle and two long white candles used for the union lighting ceremony.

The other table held three crystal vases, one with four single long-stem white roses and the other with five roses to symbolize the Rivera and Lawford families respectively. During the union ceremony, the bride and groom took their own vows from each bouquet and placed them in the center vase to signify the beginning of their own family.

A pre-nuptial program of spiritual classical music was managed by Mr. Earl Yates who also directed the musical program throughout the service. Two special songs, "Ave Maria" and "Miracle" by Celine Dion, were played for the wedding ceremony. Mrs. Francis Hoskins directed this beautiful observance.

Everyone stood as the bride entered the sanctuary on the arm of her father. She wore a strapless gown of white matte satin accented with a beaded crystal and pearl bodice from the train. The bride's mother handmade a matching shoulder length veil with the same ornamentation.

The bride wore a set of pearl earrings, bracelet, and necklace that had been given to her on her sixteenth birthday by her mom and sister some years ago. In addition, on the day of her wedding, her mother gave her a diamond and pearl ring. The bride carried a bouquet of white roses, stephanotis, and baby's breath accented with white pearls in a silver metal holder. She carried two handkerchiefs: one that had belonged to her new mother-in-law's father, and the other handed down to her from her great grandmother. In memory of her best friend, Kendall Pippin, and the fun they shared, the bride wore a pair of clear high heel shoes that whimsically lit up when she walked.

Attending her sister as the maid of honor was Elisabeth S. Rivera of Panama City, FL. The bridesmaids were the groom's sisters, Whitney and Keri Lawford, cousin of the groom, Lindsey Lawford of all Elba, and best friends of the bride Rachel Strickland and Jessica Workman of Panama City, FL.

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Journalism Member Spotlight

by Gale Olson



This week's journalism spotlight is shining on Judson Vaughan.

Judson is a first time journalism member. He joined the journalism staff in the fall of 2005, the beginning of his junior year. He joined with the aspiration to contribute his talents and creative writing to each article assigned.

Judson is the 17-year-old junior of Eddie and Melinda Vaughan. He is the lead singer in the FFA quartet, an EHS ambassador, Editor of the Tiger Times, one of the 25 selected students of Coffee County to represent the Coffee County Youth Leadership Program, St. Beta Key Club, a dedicated member of the Elba United Methodist Youth group, and most importantly, represents the Class of 2006 as the Junior class treasurer.

When not contributing to these time consuming events, he enjoys singing, hanging with friends, and spending time with family.

Judson describes himself as diligent, high strung, and determined. After graduating high school, he plans to attend Auburn University and entertain with the Auburn singers while majoring in political science.

Judson said his favorite part of journalism is the freedom and ability to work with others to accomplish something great.

Elba FFA members build community relationships

by Judson Vaughan

The FFA is the single largest student organization in our country today. Not surprisingly, it is also the largest at our own Elba High and this time they're up to bigger and better challenges.

The Sports and Recreation Turf Grass Management and Animal Science classes have both been constructing a Gambrel Roof Barn for the Mart Gray family. Under the direction of Mr. Waldorf, the FFA Advisor, the classes designed, constructed, and even assembled this barn to signify all of the hard work and dedication to the community this community-oriented organization truly possesses.

On May 5th, the FFA held their annual Chapter Banquet and as always had a very eventful evening. With entertainment by the club's award-winning quartet, a power point presentation put together by Reporter, Whitley Kilcrease, and a mouth-watering meal catered by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cowen, it is no wonder this event was so successful.

The FFA believes in rewarding its members when recognition is due, and the FFA does it annually.

Discovery, Greenhand, and Chapter degrees were all given to those who met the criteria. Certificates were also distributed to those who participated in county and district competitions,

and participants were recognized in front of the attendees — approximately 70 guests.

The quartet was also recognized for placing 2nd at district competition and will represent the district in June at the State competition.

The night was truly made whole by the attendance of EHS alumni and former advisor Jacob Davis, who received recognition for his tears, time, and personality that has made this program what it is today.

Ricky Carlisle and Nathan Carroll both received Honorary Membership for the ever-growing support they give to our chapter.

Professional and classy would be the only way to describe the way in which this banquet was conducted, and the wonderful event can be greatly contributed to the advisory of Mr. Joe Waldorf and the senior leadership of President Miss Ashley Gibson, Vice President Miss Ashton Grimes, and Secretary Miss Kristi Spinks.

For the past five years, these girls have given their time, talents, and dedication to the Elba FFA and have truly left their mark on it for many years to come.



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Tiger Tales

Editors:
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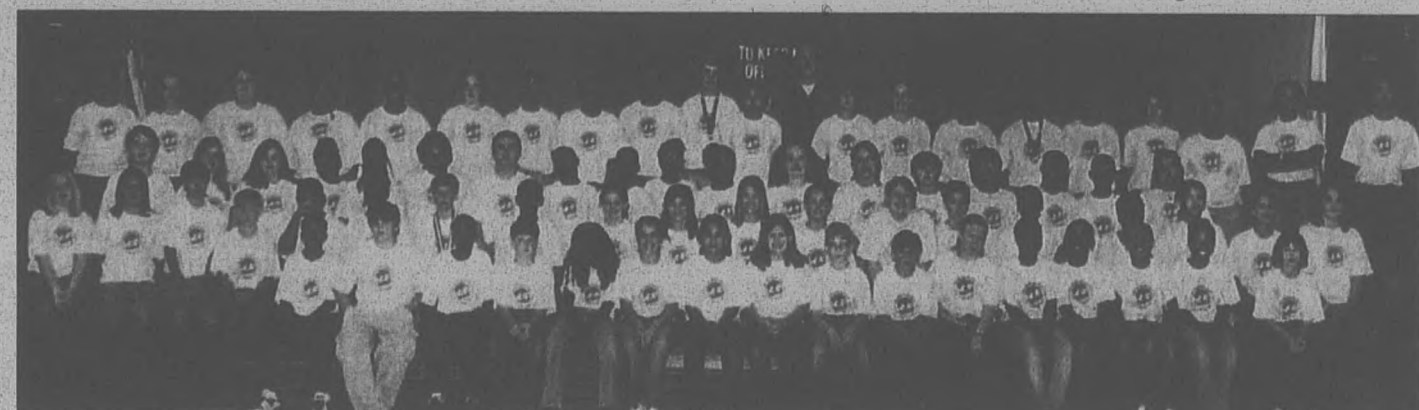
D.A.R.E. graduation held May 12th at Elba Elementary School

The Elba Police Department and Elba Elementary School together hosted the 2005 Sixth Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation on Friday morning, May 12, at Elba Elementary School.

Guest speaker for the event was Mike Medley, pastor of Wooten Chapel Assembly of God Church.

75 sixth grade students received a certificate of completion for participating in this year's D.A.R.E. program.

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ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S D.A.R.E. GRADUATING CLASS OF 2005 included Katelyn Calhoun, Kendall Cole, Gage Craig, Sydney Crittenden, Chance Goosby, Cameron Johnson, Paige Jones, Lydia Kelley, Michael Martin, A.J. McCauley, Morgan Oglesby, Kacharia Phillips, Brian Robinson, Robert Siler, Lindsey Smith, Randall Solomon, Shaquana Tyson, Bethany Wilson, Jessica Berry, Ahmad Bilal, Johnathon Bryant, Lindsey Canley, Felicia Cole, Cortnee Driggers, Keyawne Gavin, Keira Hammonds, Kelsey Horvath, Brittany Hudson, Kristin Kelley, Joshua Maddox, Maria Perez, Christina Rahel, Xavier Rodgers, Pricilla Simmons, Devonta Tillis, Sean Warren, Jesse White, Joseph Coxwell, O'Shea Dean, Jesse Dodd, Amber Hudson, Megan King, Molly McGuire, Kefia Miller, Hannah Morgan, Jessica Orr, Kayla Parks, William Petty, Tanisha Phillips, Dylan Seay, Kendra Siler, Heather Simmons, Sarena Turner, Shane Warren, Dale White, Marah Wilson-White, Summer Blackmon, Branson Bowers, Karis Burks, Kendra Culver, Ashton Davis, Salina Duncan, Jantzen Flowers, Aspen Foushee, Brittany Gilbert, Ruthmary Merklin, Tory Morris, Isaac Nelson, Yolani Perez, Sandarius Reed, Kendrick Robertson, Jordan Sanders, Chastity Slenker, Alexis Tillis and Amber Walker.

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BETHANY WILSON was named D.A.R.E. Student of the Year. She is pictured with D.A.R.E. instructor Michael Adkinson.

D.A.R.E. ESSAY WINNERS included Cameron Johnson, Xavier Rodgers, Jesse Dodd and Yolani Perez. They are pictured with Elba's D.A.R.E. instructor Officer Michael Adkinson.

Honeybees found at Elba High School

Submitted by Whitley Kilcrease

A discovery was made last week at the EHS Ag Department.

A hive of honeybees made their home on a newly planted oak sapling, right outside of the Ag Shop. Concerned about the safety of the students, Mr. Waldorf requested the help of beekeeper, Johnny Legg, to relocate the bees to a safer environment.

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by Katie Cash

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LBW Community College names spring semester honor students

LBW Community College President Edward Meadows has announced academic honor students for the 2005 Spring Semester. A total of 82 students were named to the President's List and 95 students were named to the Dean's List.

To qualify for these distinctions, students must be enrolled on a full-time basis and post a 3.50-3.99 (B+) grade point average to qualify for the Dean's List, and a 4.0 (A) grade point average to qualify for the President's List.

The following were among the students from Coffee County receiving honors:

Leanne Mallory named Who's Who student

The 2005 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges includes the names of 23 students from Huntingdon College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Leanne Mallory (drama/history) of Elba.

Students were named based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.



Kinston School participated in the Identi-Kids Program. This program provides an I.D. card much similar to a driver's license for K-8 grade students. It contains necessary information that parents can carry. Each student that got an I.D. was entered into a drawing for a bicycle. Eli Mullins, was the winner of this sporty bicycle.

Wiregrass Chapter of American Society of Comptrollers presents scholarships

The Wiregrass Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers announced the winners of two \$1,000 scholarships during their recent general membership meeting held at Aviators' Landing at Fort Rucker.

President Michael Antonio, Certified Defense Financial Manager, recognized Mallory Allen and Cameron Irwin, both of Elba, as the winners. They were selected from among other area high school students pursuing a field of study related to financial management.

The competition was based on exemplary academic, leadership, and writing skills.

Miss Allen graduated with a 3.99 GPA and was third in her class. Miss Irwin graduated with a 3.8 GPA and was 11th in her class.

Both students plan to attend the University of Alabama to pursue degrees in accounting.



In recognition of their \$1,000 scholarship awards, Mallory Allen and Cameron Irwin are presented with mementos by Scholarship Committee member, Gail Little and Wiregrass Chapter ASMC President and Certified Defense Financial Manager, Michael Antonio.

Lamont Head captures gold medal at Alabama Skills USA competition

The Skills USA Automotive contest field has been decided! The best Automotive Service Technology students in the nation will compete June 20-24 in Kansas City, Missouri to decide the number "1" Auto Mechanics Student in the nation.

Lamont Head, an Auto Mechanics student enrolled at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College captured the gold medal on April 14, 2005 in Birmingham at the Alabama Skills USA competition.

Richard McCusick, LBWCC Auto Mechanics instructor, worked to prepare Lamont for the competition.

Sam Williams, owner of Sam's Auto Parts in Opp sponsored Lamont in the state Skills

USA competition. Students competed in six areas: Parts identification, Pre-delivery inspection, brakes, steering and suspension, electrical/electronics, and engine performance.

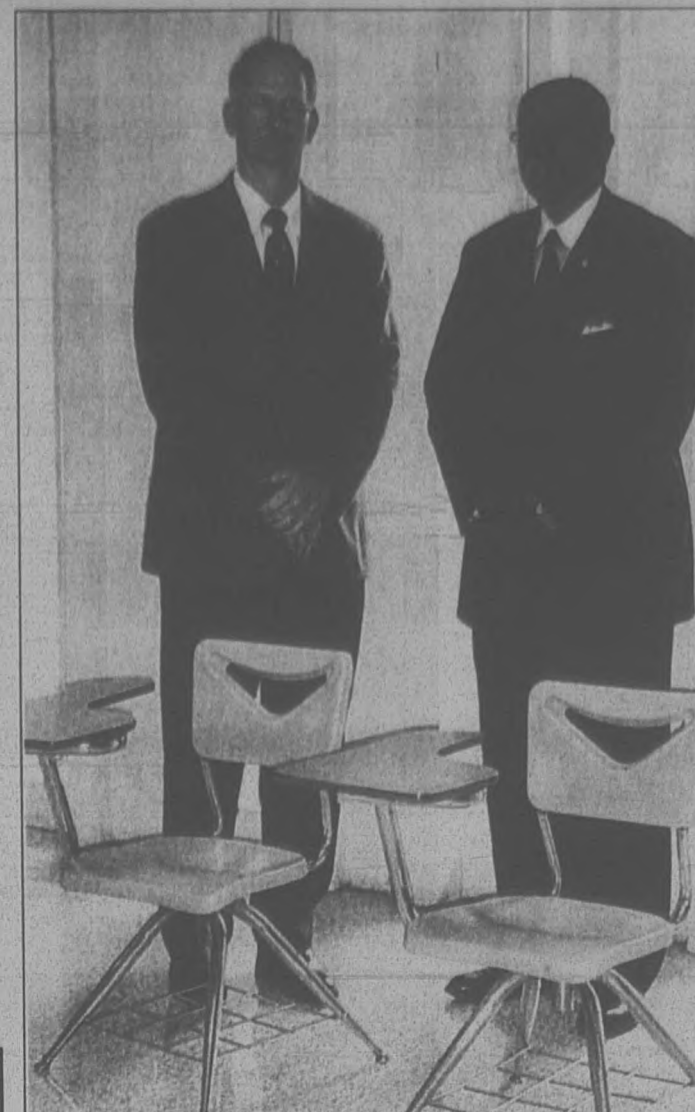
In addition to the gold medal, Lamont won several hundred dollars worth of Snap-On tools and accessories and earned an all-expense paid trip to Kansas City, Missouri where he will compete at the national level in June.

Elba, Alabama and Lurleen B. Wallace Community College are proud of Lamont for representing his school and city so well and encourage him to bring home the national Skills USA Automotive Technology title in June. For information on the

Lamont Head



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EOCC DONATES DESKS. Enterprise-Ozark Community College has recently purchased new desks and equipment and is donating the items being replaced to area schools. Dale Kelley, principal of New Brockton High (left), accepted the donation personally from EOCC President, Dr. Stafford L. Thompson (right). An EOCC alumnus, Kelley took the opportunity to say, "I don't know if I would have started college if it hadn't been for this school. This school is still a great bargain. I encourage New Brockton students to start here because I believe it's the best way for them to go."

Summer semester registration underway at EOCC

Registration for Summer Semester at Enterprise-Ozark Community College is well underway, and students may access the class offerings and register at the website, www.eocc.edu.

Summer semester provides a multitude of opportunities for students who want to finish their certificate or degree program early or high school graduates who want to get a head start.

Also, students home from a university who want to pick up a course or two at the lower tuition and transfer the credits or current students who want to complete a degree sequence within one semester with courses such as Western Civilization I and II, English Composition I and II, Accounting I and II can take advantage of summer semester offerings.

Classes began for the full term and first mini-term on May 25 with the second mini-term beginning July 5.

For more information about how to be admitted to the College or how to register for classes, go on the internet at www.eocc.edu, or call 347-2623 at the Enterprise Campus, 598-3438 at the Fort Rucker Site, or 774-5113 at the Ozark Aviation Campus.

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ESTATE OF BILLY RAY SMITH DECEASED PROBATE COURT PC-05-38

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 3rd day of May, 2005, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jo Ann Carlisle, Personal Representative
5-12, 19, & 26 pd.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MYRTLE EVELYN PURVIS DECEASED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA PC-05-45

Letters of Administration of said decedent's estate having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of May, 2005, by the honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Michael Odia Purvis Personal Representative
5-19, 26, 6-2, 9, & 16 chg.

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/s/ Daniel F. Johnson
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Toby Vance Tyler Personal Representative
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IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF ELAINE ROYER, PLAINTIFF, VS. CHARLES ROYER DEFENDANT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION CASE NO. DR-05-27 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: Charles Royer
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This the 18 day of May 2005.
James M. Counts, Circuit Clerk
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AREA NEWS

Hunger Awareness Day is June 7

Tuesday, June 7, 2005 is National Hunger Awareness Day. Now in its fourth year, this day serves as a platform for domestic hunger-relief organizations to raise awareness about hunger in America and the work that Food Banks do.

This year on National Hunger Awareness Day, the Wiregrass Area Food Bank will be celebrating its 15th anniversary of service to Southeast Alabama. Since its inception, the Wiregrass Area Food Bank has distributed approximately 29.5 million pounds of food to the poor, needy and hungry residents in the community. With hunger rate of 1 in 6 in the local area, the work that the Food Bank and its member agencies do is an invaluable and life-saving effort.

To show its support of the work of the Wiregrass Area Food Bank, the 98th Army Band (The Ft. Rucker Silver Wings Band) will perform from 11 a.m. until noon. At that time, the Mayor of the City of Dothan and other politicians throughout the Wiregrass will issue proclamations of support for the Food Bank. This lunch-time gala is free and open to the public.

For more information, or to be a part of the historic event, or to lend your support to the Wiregrass Area Food Bank, please call special projects coordinator Kerry Farrell at (334) 794-9775.

Wallace Community College announces Spring Semester Dean's List

Wallace Community College Dean of Instructional Affairs John R. Fergus recently announced the 2005 spring semester Dean's List. One hundred ninety-six students received the honor. To be eligible, honorees must be full-time students and earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the term.

Honorees by hometown include Kristie M. Crowell from Elba; Dawn Allison Baker and Emily Ann Smith, of New Brockton.

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SPORTS

Views From....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

School is now out for the summer and that means it is time for our girls to shift gears and head out to work in the mornings instead of heading to the classroom. I got my first summer job many years ago at the age of 13, and both the girls have been working for years as they try to earn some spending money and hopefully will put some back in a savings account. Now maybe every time they head out they won't ask for money!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Lady Tigers competed at the 2A state softball tournament last week and lost two straight games to finish the season in a tie for seventh place in the state. Elba owned a lead late in both games and probably should have won them both. However, the team's lack of post-season experience showed under the pressure of the state tournament atmosphere and the girls made some mistakes that proved fatal. The Lady Tigers won as a team in the sub-state series and lost as a team at state, and no one can point a finger at any one player or mistake that cost the girls either game. The losses did put a damper on what had been an amazing run, but cannot lessen the success the Lady Tigers enjoyed or take away the team's trip to state. Hey, it was fun while it lasted.

*** Three Elba players had more pressure on them than they should have at last week's state tournament when the journey began play on Thursday morning. Those three were all seniors on the team and knew that if the team could post one win in the opening day it would mean the third game of the day would start just one hour before high school graduation ceremonies back at Elba High. The girls played hard and wanted to win, but you knew in the back of their minds all three wanted to walk across the stage at graduation and have a happy ending to their high school careers. The high school athletic association releases the dates of the state tournaments a year in advance, and next year's dates are May 17-20 in baseball and May 18-20 in softball. Hopefully the school officials can figure out a way to avoid the dates and allow all the seniors to enjoy what should be the biggest day of their young lives.

*** Elba High held its "Black and Gold" football game last week to mark the end of spring football drills and after a wild first half the Black scored late to claim a 33-27 win. The Tigers spread the field on offense and showed everyone in attendance that they will put the ball in the air, while over on defense the Tigers did pass some good licks and seemed much improved from a year ago. It is hard to tell what the Tigers will have next season since the players were split on two different teams. However, one thing that is certain is the Tigers will be an exciting team to watch.

*** The Kinston Lady Bulldogs won two and lost two at the state tournament in the 1A ranks and really made a name for themselves with their fourth place finish. The Lady Bulldogs played over 50 games this season to get ready for the playoffs and their hard work and determination showed once they made it to the state tournament. With just one senior on the roster it looks like next season's team will be a team to watch from the opening week of the season.

*** In closing.... I would like to say a fond farewell to long time Elba coach and teacher Bill Rayborn. Coach Rayborn is retiring this year after many years in the Elba system and over the years has always been a very valuable member of both the coaching staff and the physical education staff. School will go on and many more kids will walk the halls at Elba, but there will never be another Coach Rayborn and he will be missed. Thanks for all the years of dedication to our school and our students!

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At state tournament

Elba Lady Tigers drop two straight



TALKING IT OVER.... Members of the Elba Lady Tigers talk it over after a recent game. The Lady Tigers posted 23 wins this season and placed seventh in the state in Class 2A. (Photo by Laura Baxley)

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their dreams of winning a state softball championship run into a nightmare Thursday at Montgomery's Lagoon Park as they let leads slip away in two straight games and had to settle for a seventh-place tie after suffering two consecutive defeats at the Class 2A State Softball Tournament.

"We played hard to get to the state tournament and played hard in both games at state," said Elba's Coach David Collins, "but we made too many mistakes against a couple of good teams and let two wins slip away. It was a disappointing way to end the season. However, the final two games cannot take away what these girls accomplished and by making it to the state tournament they set a goal for all future teams to shoot for. This team came a long way and I am very proud of each and every one of them."

Following are highlights of both games:

HALE CO. 3
ELBA 2

The Lady Tigers saw a late lead slip away and then stranded two base runners in extra innings to allow the Hale County Lady Wildcats to post a 3-2 win in nine innings in opening round action on Thursday morning.

Elba jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when Yoyo Reynolds led off the inning with a single, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Ashley Carpenter and later scored on an RBI single by Stephanie Baxley.

Hale County combined a one-out walk with a two-out double to pull even at 1-1 in the top of the fourth, but the Lady Tigers answered the fourth inning run with a run of their own in the bottom of the frame to regain the lead at 2-1.

Elba's second run of the game came when Haley Stinson reached on a fielder's choice and raced home from first base after a double by Whitney Lawford.

Hale County pulled even at 2-2 in the top of the sixth inning on a hit batter and a two-out single, and that was where the score remained until the ninth.

inning, as both teams stranded runners on base in the seventh and eighth innings.

Hale County used a single and a passed ball to put a runner on second with one out, moved the runner to third on a single, and then plated the winning run on a fielder's choice to claim the hard fought 3-2 win over the Lady Tigers.

Yoyo Reynolds had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Stephanie Baxley had 2 hits and knocked in 1 run. Haley Stinson had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Whitney Lawford had 1 hit and collected 1 RBI. Also adding 1 hit was Kristen Barnes. Stephanie Baxley took the loss as she pitched nine innings and allowed 3 earned runs on 7 hits, 2 walks and 1 hit batter, while striking out 12 batters.

SYLVANIA 6
ELBA 6

The Lady Tigers saw a late 6-1 lead vanish under a rash of hits and errors as Sylvania rallied to oust Elba 6-6 in second round action on Thursday afternoon.

Elba failed to get a hit in the

opening two innings and was tied at 0-0 heading into the bottom of the third, but broke loose for 3 runs in the inning to grab a 3-0 advantage. A one-out walk to Kristen Barnes and an error off the bat of Yoyo Reynolds ignited the Elba rally, while Melanie Mularz delivered a key two-out single to drive in Barnes to put the Lady Tigers on the scoreboard. Reynolds later scored on a passed ball to up the Elba lead to 2-0, and the Lady Tigers made it 3-0 one batter later on an RBI single by Haley Stinson.

Sylvania cut the Elba lead to 3-1 in the top of the fourth, only to see the Lady Tigers plate three runs in their half of the inning to take a big 6-1 advantage.

A lead-off single by Krystan Parker and an error off the bat of Kayla Miller gave Elba two runners on base with no outs, and both runners crossed the plate one batter later when Yoyo Reynolds lined a two-run single up the middle. Reynolds was thrown out at third for the second out of the inning, but the Lady Tigers made it 6-1 when Ashley Carpenter reached on a

walk and later scored on a bases loaded walk to Haley Stinson.

The Lady Tigers carried the 6-1 lead into the top of the sixth, only to see Sylvania combine 3 hits with two errors and one walk to plate six runs as it grabbed its first lead of the game at 7-6.

The Lady Tigers got three straight hits from the bats of Ashley Carpenter, Melanie Mularz and Stephanie Baxley in the bottom of the sixth, but failed to take advantage of the hits and still trailed 7-6 heading into the final inning.

Sylvania combined two hits with one error to up its lead to 9-6 in the top of the ninth and held on in the bottom of the inning to eliminate Elba 9-6.

Melanie Mularz had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Stephanie Baxley added 2 hits and Yoyo Reynolds, Ashley Carpenter and Krystan Parker all added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Haley Stinson had 1 hit and one RBI. Stephanie Baxley took the loss as she pitched seven innings and allowed 9 runs (7 earned runs) on 6 hits and 4 walks, while striking out 7 batters.

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SPORTS

Action continues at Elba parks as
baseball and softball seasons roll on

TOO CLOSE TO CALL.... Matt Winters (6) of the Zion Chapel Reds reaches second base just as Martin short-stop Hayes Spicer gets to the bag in recent action in the Dixie Minor Baseball League. (Photo by Laura Baxley)

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation continued its youth baseball and softball seasons last week with plenty of excitement for players and fans alike.

Following are last week's highlights:

DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

ZC Gray 11 Reds 2 - The Zion Chapel Red used a nine-run third inning to take the lead and rolled to a big 11-2 win over the Reds in a game that included three hits and 18 walks. Slade Nalley had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel, while Abraham McLeod scored 2 runs and Hunter Snow, Dalton Sikes, Kyle Flowers, Bryan Nelson, Matt Winters, Ethan Deal, Michael Desondro and Blake Fuller all scored 1 run. John Ashley Amson had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Reds, while Kyron Edwards added 1 hit and Nick Green scored 1 run.

Marlins 8 Kinston 2 - The Marlins pulled ahead early and never looked back to post an 8-2 win over Kinston. Logan Bailey had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Marlins, while Hayes Spicer and Jordan McDaniel both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Hayden Disotell scored 2 runs and John Gray and Tyler Bobbit both scored 1 run.

DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

Elba 4 ZC Gray 4 - Elba and the Zion Chapel Gray battled for over two hours and seven innings before the game was stopped with the score tied at 4-4. Chase Sauls had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba, while Jantzen Flowers added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Gumar McCollough, Bo Wiggins and Dillon Seay all added 2 hits and Seth Hancley, Braxton Bowers and C. Johnson all added 1 hit. Will Bedsole had 1 hit to lead Zion Chapel, while Austin Money, Blake Walden, Trevor Folkorel and Dwight Banks all scored 1 run.

DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL

Elba Gold 10 NB Gray 0 - The Elba Gold led all the way to defeat the New Brockton Gray 10-0. Bradley Wilson had 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Gold, while Andrew Head added 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Dylan McCollough, Justin Mallory and A.J. Johnson all added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Colton Vaughan and Taylor Cotton scored 1 run, apiece. Seth Culverhouse had the only hit for New Brockton.

In a twenty-year study by the National Center for Catastrophic Sports Injury Research (1982-2002), 7 deaths of high school aged baseball players were recorded. In that same period, there were 6 deaths in soccer, 20 deaths in track, and 92 deaths associated with football. Price offered that the game of baseball is one of the safest sports played today in high school and at the college level, noting that, "Injuries and, tragically, deaths occur in nearly every sport. By comparison, death on a baseball diamond is extremely rare."

Meeting at Indianapolis, Ind. in their semi-annual gathering, the eight-member subcommittee heard from David Cook, president of Hoosier Bat Company and Jim Durby, vice-president for Eastern Bat Company. Both are experts in the manufacture and use of wood and non-wood bats, respectively.

Price noted that another three-year independent study on bat safety is being organized. The study is being directed by Dr. Fred Mueller, a member of the USA Baseball Medical and Safety Committee and Director of the National Center for Catastrophic Sports Injury Research.



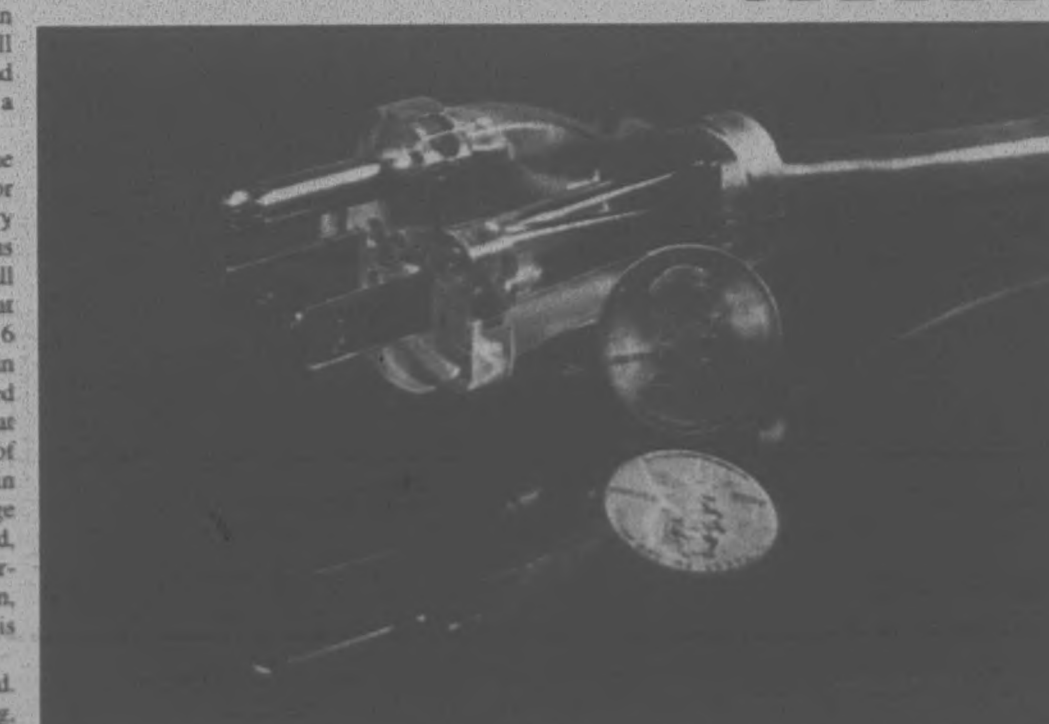
THERE IT GOES.... A batter watches the ball as it sails off the bat in recent Coach-Pitch Baseball League action at Hawkins-Williams Park. (Photo by Laura Baxley)

NB Cardinal 10 Elba Black 3 - The New Brockton Cardinal pulled ahead early and never looked back in a 10-5 win over the Elba Black. Trey Knight had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead New Brockton, while Ashton Cutts, Jerry Weeks and Anthony Bryant all added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Solomon Harris scored 2 runs and David Stinson, Daxton Vasser and Hayden Smith all scored 1 run. Dylan McCollough had 1 hit to lead Elba, while Kevin Allen, Johnathan Farmer and Aaron Drewery all scored 1 run.

Brantley 12 ZC Red 4 - Brantley spotted the Zion Chapel Red an early 3-0 lead and then came roaring back to claim a wild 12-4 win. Taver Hall and Anthony Guley both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Brantley, while Steven Walker, Tori Upshaw and Jesse Hargrove all added 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Chase Hall and Wesley Person both had 1 hit and scored 1 run. Dillon Motes and Wesley Spivet added 1 hit, each. Ethan Mount had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead Zion Chapel, while Matt Brunson added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Ryan Hobart and Weston Brown both had 1 hit.

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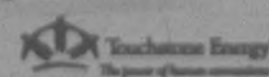
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COMMUNITY NEWS

CPSC, Carter Brothers Manufacturing announce recall of fun-kart go-karts

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product:

Fun-Karts (To access color photos of the following recalled products, see CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.)

Name of product: Carter Brothers Fun-Kart (Go-Kart)
Units: About 9,000
Manufacturer: Carter Brothers Manufacturing Co. Inc., of Brundidge, Ala.
Hazard: The wheel could separate from the go-kart, posing a roll-over hazard.

Incident/Injuries: No injuries reported.

Description: The recall includes one-seater models 1136-3020, 1136-3021, 1136-3420, 1136-3421, 1205-3020 and two-seater models 2336-3021, 2336-3022, 2336-5019, 2375-3020, 2375-3420, 2605-3416, 2605-3515, 2606-3016, 2606-3017, 2606-3416, 2606-3417, 2636-3016, 2636-3017, 2906-3015, 2906-3016, 2906-

3017, 2906-4015, 2906-4016, 2906-4017, 2909-3015, 2909-3415, 2909-4015, 2910-3015, 2910-3016, 2910-3415, 2910-4015, 2910-4016, 2911-4415, 2911-4015, 2911-4016, 2946-3015, and 2946-3016. The model number and serial number is located under the seat (on the driver's side of the seater). The Fun-Karts were produced in several colors to include red, black, blue, purple and green.

Sold At: Carter Brothers dealers nationwide from April 2003 through March 2005 for between \$900 and \$2,900.

Manufactured In: United States.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the recalled Fun-Karts immediately. Registered owners of the vehicles will be notified directly by Carter Brothers about the recall. Consumers can call or visit their local Carter Brothers Dealer to schedule a free repair.

Consumer Contact: For more information, contact Carter Brothers at (800) 523-5278 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT, or visit their Web site at www.carterbro.com.

Bowden receives Scholastic Honorary award

The Student Awards Program of the MacArthur Campus of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College was held on Thursday, May 5, 2005.

Receiving a Scholastic Honorary Award was Melissa Bowden of Elba. She was recognized as a Distinguished Freshman Honor Student.

While a student at LBWCC, Melissa has maintained a 4.0 grade point average.

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Elba Chamber of Commerce presents...May's Business of the Month

Kids Unlimited

Kids Unlimited may be the best kept secret in Elba.

Dinah and Joseph Coppage, owners of Kids Unlimited, opened on Feb. 13, 2004. The business is located at 979 Hwy. 203, Elba, or better known as the bypass in Elba. For those not familiar with the highway numbers, Kids Unlimited is across the road from Fred's in the shopping center with Jerry's restaurant.

Dinah worked with Factory Connection for over 13 years before venturing out with a business of her own. She credits the Lord for giving her "this blessing, a dream come true."

Dinah said she and Joseph have been so blessed by the customers - friends, old and new, and the support of the surrounding communities.

"Our business has thrived in Elba, and we continue to grow daily," she said. "We get new customers each and every day." For those who have never visited Kids Unlimited, Dinah said she wants them to know it is a store that fits all!

Kids Unlimited carries all sizes - newborns, infants, toddlers, 4-6X, 7-20 and half sizes. Brands include: Mudd, One Tuff Babe, Polo, John Deere (sells as fast as it rolls in), Eddie Bauer, Rare Edition, Willbelly, Petit Ami, Good Lad, Peaches and Cream, Mollie & Millie and

many more.

"We sell all the brands you find at the famous department stores and those little 'specialty shops' at a fraction of the price," Dinah said. "I learned they marked it up and cry 'Sale, Sale, Sale!' Our prices are always sale prices and our customer base has exploded because of it."

Kids Unlimited also offers Layaways at \$5 down for 60 days. Dinah said the Back to School layaways began May 16th and are due out by Aug. 1st.

"We work with our customers in any way," she said. "That's what makes us different."

The store offers monogramming at great prices and really does have gifts for all including a large inventory of ladies jewelry and purses. There also is a new line of religious book marks and jewelry with God's scriptures on them. A few of the new purses include scriptures, as well.

"We also carry Jelly Belly candy," Dinah added. "Never had it? You're missing out! Just ask the girls at our banks and Bridgeville. They'll tell you! Come by and get you some!"

Without a doubt, Kids Unlimited has a huge inventory, and Dinah and Joseph invite all who have not been in to come by and check them out.



Dinah and Joseph Coppage, owners of Kids Unlimited

Kids Unlimited can also now be found on the web at: www.kidsunlimitedonline.com.

Dinah said some of the merchandise is featured on the web site but not all.

With the inventory changing daily and a high turnover, Dinah encourages all customers to stop by and check it out.

"To all my precious customers, I say thank you for an awesome first year in business," said Dinah. "We appreciate each and every one of you. We know all great things come from above, and to God be all the Glory!"

Future expansion of Kids Unlimited will include moms too.

Kinston resident named Trojan Ambassador at Troy University

A Troy University student from Kinston, Megan Piland, has been chosen as a Trojan Ambassador.

Trojan Ambassadors serve as official student hosts and hostesses at campus functions such as graduation, lectures, concerts, plays and other events.

Piland, a freshman majoring in broadcast journalism, is the daughter of Chris and Jennifer



Megan Piland

University Activities Council, and Freshman Forum.

Piland was elected Farmhouse Fraternity - Pledge Class Sweetheart. She has received a Chancellor's Scholar Award for an ACT score of 27 and GPA of 3.5/4.0.

Piland is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta honor society for freshmen,

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